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DECEMBER 19, 2007

MICHAEL W. DOBBINS CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

LABORERS' PENSION FUND and LABORERS' WELFARE FUND OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND GENERAL LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHICAGO AND VICINITY, and JAMES S. JORGENSEN, Administrator of the Funds,

Plaintiffs,

Case No.

07 C 7126

T.A. PEROCHELLI CO., and Thomas A.
Perochelli, doing business as T.A. Perochelli Co.,

Defendants.

JUDGE GETTLEMAN
MAGISTRATE JUDGE SCHENKIER

COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs Laborers' Pension Fund and Laborers' Welfare Fund of the Health and Welfare Department of the Construction and General Laborers' District Council of Chicago and Vicinity (the "Funds"), and plaintiff James S. Jorgensen ("Jorgensen"), Administrator of the Funds, by their undersigned attorneys, and for their Complaint against Defendants T.A. Perochelli Co., Thomas A. Perochelli as follows:

COUNT I

(Failure To Pay Employee Benefit Contributions)

- 1. Jurisdiction is based on Sections 502(e)(1) and (2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended, 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(1) and (2); Section 301(a) of the Labor Management Relations Act ("LMRA") of 1947 as amended, 29 U.S.C. §185(a); and 28 U.S.C. §1331.
- 2. Venue is proper pursuant to Section 502(e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2), and 28 U.S.C. §1391(a) and (b).
- 3. The Funds are multiemployer benefit plans within the meaning of Sections 3(3) and 3(37) of ERISA. 29 U.S.C. §1002(3) and 37(A). The Funds have offices, conduct business and administer the plans within this District. Jorgensen is the Administrator of the Funds, and has been duly authorized by the Funds' Trustees to act on behalf of the Funds in the collection of employer

contributions owed to the Funds and to the Construction and General Laborers' District Council of Chicago and Vicinity Training Fund, and with respect to the collection by the Funds of amounts which have been or are required to be withheld from the wages of employees in payment of Union dues for transmittal to the Construction and General Laborers' District Council of Chicago (the "Union"). With respect to such matters, Jorgensen is a fiduciary of the Funds within the meaning of Section 3(21)(A) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A).

- 4. Defendant T. A. Perochelli Co., (hereinafter "The Company"), is not a corporation in Illinois. The Company does business within this District and is an Employer within the meaning of Section 3(5) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(5), and Section 301(a) of LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §185(a).
- 5. Defendant Thomas A. Perochelli is being sued in his individual capacity because he owns and operates the Company as an individual proprietorship. At all times relevant herein, Thomas A. Perochelli does business within this District and has been an Employer within the meaning of Section 3(5) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(5) and Section 301 of LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §185(a).
- 6. The Union is a labor organization within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §185(a). The Union and the Company are parties to a collective bargaining agreement ("Agreement"). (A copy of the "short form" Agreement entered into between the Union and the Company, which Agreement adopts and incorporates a Master Agreement between the Union and various employer associations, and also binds the Company to the Funds' respective Agreements and Declarations of Trust, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.)
- 7. The Funds have been duly authorized by the Construction and General Laborers' District Council of Chicago and Vicinity Training Fund (the "Training Fund"), the Midwest Construction Industry Advancement Fund ("MCIAF"), the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council (the "Safety Fund"), the Laborers' Employers' Cooperation & Education Trust ("LECET"), [the Contractors' Association of Will and Grundy Counties (the "Will County Fund"), the Concrete Contractors' Association of Greater Chicago ("CCA"), and the CDCNI/CAWCC Contractors' Industry Advancement Fund (the "Wall & Ceiling Fund"), to act as an agent in the collection of

contributions due to those funds.

- 8. The Agreement obligates the Company to make contributions on behalf of its employees covered by the Agreement for pension benefits, health and welfare benefits, for the training fund and to submit monthly remittance reports in which the Company, *inter alia*, identifies the employees covered under the Agreement and the amount of contributions to the Funds remitted on behalf of each covered employee.
- 9. The Agreement further obligates the Company to cooperate with auditors designated by the Funds in conducting payroll audits to assure that all required contributions have been made to the Funds.
- 10. The Agreement further obligates the Company to procure, carry and maintain a surety bond to guarantee payment of wages, Pension and Welfare contributions for the duration of the Agreement.
 - 11. Notwithstanding the obligations imposed by the Agreement, the Company has:
- (a) failed to cooperate as necessary with auditors designated by the Funds in the conduct of a payroll audit for the period October 1, 2004 through the present.
 - (b) failed to procure, carry, and maintain the surety bond required by the Agreement.
- 12. All conditions precedent to requiring the Company to cooperate with the Funds' auditors and comply with the bond requirement have been met.
- 13. The Company's actions described above violate Section 515 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1145, and Section 301 of the LMRA. 29 U.S.C. §185.
- 14. Pursuant to Section 502(g)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2), and the terms of the Funds' Trust Agreements, the Company is liable to any amounts owed, as well as interest and liquidated damages on unpaid contributions, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and such other legal and equitable relief as the Court deems appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs Funds respectfully requests this Court enter a judgment against the Company and against Thomas A. Perochelli, requiring the Company and Thomas A. Perochelli, to submit to an audit; holding the Company and Thomas A. Perochelli liable for any amounts owed to date together with all accrued delinquencies after suit, interest, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees and costs; directing the Company and Thomas A. Perochelli to submit proof that it has procured the

bond required by the Agreement; and granting such other and further relief as the Court shall deem just in the premises.

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CONSTRUCTION & GENERAL LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHICAGO AND VICINITY

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General Laborary District Connect of Chicago and Vicinity, Labdrary International Union of North America, Art.-Cit ("Union"), representing and encompassing its affiliated Local Unions, accompassing its affiliated Local Within the Union's jurisdiction ("Local Union"), and encompassing the affiliated Local Within the Union's jurisdiction ("Local Union"), and encompassing the ageographic areas of Cook, Lake, DuPage, With, Grandy, Kandall, Kane, Moltenry and Boone-counties, Illinois,

- 1. Recognition. The Employer, in response to the Union's request for recognition as the majority \$(a) representative of its Laborer employees, and the Union's offer to show avidance of its majority support, hareby recognizes the Union under Section \$(a) of the Act as the sole and exclusive collective tempolation from the Laborer tempolation of the tempolation of the Act as the sole and exclusive collective tempolation from the Laborer tempolation of the tempolation of the tempolation of the tempolation of the tempolation is represented in a Board certified election. The Employer has not assigned its rights for purposes of collective bargaining with the Union to any person, entity or association during the term of this Agreement of tempolation states and the tempolation of the tempo
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Where Laborers covered by this Agreement perform work policide the Chicago area, the Employer shall, if covered under a local LIUNA effiliated tabor agreement in the area, combines to the local agreement. Otherwise, it shall remut all frings benefit fund contributions in the amounts and to the lunds as required under this Agreement.

- 6. Wages and inclusive Funds. The Employer shall pay all the negetiated from the Callective Burgatoging Agreements, including, where applicable, contributions to the Chicago-Area LEGET and designated abor-management and industry advancement funds, that he cannot be made to MCIAF unless consented to and upon written direction from the Union. All additional waga-area, such consented to and upon written direction from the Union. All additional waga-area, such cashes, such
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 7. Contract Enforcement. All grievance arising hereunder shall, at the Union's discretion, be submitted to the Chicago District Council Brievance Committee for final and brinding disposition in lieu of another prievance committee. Should the Employer tall to comply within ten [10] days with application greates sward, whether by grievance committee or arbitration, it shall be liable for all costs and logal face increase by the Lindon's right is staken by which are in the contrary, nothing herein shall think the to the staken within any the contrary, nothing herein shall think the total the staken which are all the staken of the contrary, nothing herein shall think the first to take any other lawful and occoronic action, including but not limited to all remodes at law or apply, it is expressly understood and arrand that the Union's right to take economic action is in adultant to, and not in faul of, its rights under the grievance procedures. Whether exercisely understood and arrand that the Union's right to take currently employed, the Union may appoint and place as steward term outside the workforce at all job sizes.

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- 9. Tarmination. This Agreement shall remain not store and effect from June 1, 2001 (unless dated differently below) prough May 31, 2006, and shall continue there miless there has been given written notices, by certified mail by either party herefor, received no less than skety (80) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the application along the desire to modify or amend this Agreement through negotiations. In the absence of such notice the Employer and the Union agree to be bound by the new accessive agreements with the various Associations incorporating them into this Agreement and extending this Agreement for the life of the newly negotiated agreements, unless and until timely notice at termination to given as provided short provided agreements, and thereafter

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